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Mr. Stephen Hoffman U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Two Potomac Yard 2733 S. Crystal Drive 5th Floor, N-237 Arlington, Virginia 22202-2733

Re: Additional Information in Response to (Final Report) - Coal Combustion Residue Impoundment Round 9 - Dam Assessment Report Plant Kraft CCR Impoundment Ash Dikes Georgia Power Port Wentworth, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

On January 13, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") provided Georgia Power a final report regarding certain facilities for the management of coal combustion byproducts ("CCBs") at Georgia Power's Plant Kraft ("Final Report"). The Final Report was prepared by Dewberry & Davis, LLC ("Dewberry") and was dated December 2011. Additionally, in EPA's January 12, 2012 letter to me, EPA requested that Georgia Power respond to the Final Report's recommendations, including specific plans and schedules for implementing the recommendations. There were no recommendations made in the report to improve management of CCBs at Plant Kraft. Georgia Power will continue to maintain the CCB Surface Impoundments at Plant Kraft and will continue its inspection program and practices.

Acknowledgement of Management Unit Condition and Potential Hazard Rating

Georgia Power is committed to the management of coal combustion byproducts in a safe manner that is protective of human health and the environment. Georgia Power has had a robust ash pond dike inspection and maintenance program in place for many years. We are pleased that EPA's on-site inspection and document review have confirmed Georgia Power's facilities are well constructed and managed effectively and that EPA has rated Plant Kraft's CCB surface impoundment "Satisfactory," the highest rating.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please direct any future correspondence on this issue to me.

Sincerely

Ron Shipman